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Letter dated 29 October 2003 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith, for consideration by the Fifth Committee, the text of a letter dated 27 October 2003 from the Secretary-General addressed to me regarding the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire (see annex).

(Signed) Julian R. **Hunte**

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Annex

Letter dated 27 October 2003 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly*

I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of a letter dated 13 October 2003 from the President of the Security Council addressed to me regarding the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire, and my reply dated 23 October (see appendices I and II).

I should be grateful if you could have this exchange of correspondence circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 161.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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Appendix I

Letter dated 13 October 2003 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

Your report to the Security Council (S/2003/374) provided several options to address insecurity in Côte d'Ivoire. The Security Council in its resolution 1479 (2003) selected option (b) recommended in your report and established the mandate for the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire (MINUCI), which was not a peacekeeping operation. This conclusion is supported by the negotiating history of the resolution. Therefore, the Council recalls that the Department of Peacekeeping Operations is to administer MINUCI as a Special Political Mission for budgetary and other purposes and take appropriate action to ensure that all issues related to MINUCI are so acknowledged.

In the course of upcoming consultations on the renewal of the mandate of MINUCI as it nears its November expiration, Security Council members will review, among other issues, the possible designation of MINUCI as a peacekeeping mission and will evaluate the possible reinforcement of the United Nations presence in Côte d'Ivoire.

(*Signed*) John D. **Negroponte**
President of the Security Council

Appendix II

Letter dated 23 October 2003 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

Thank you for your letter dated 13 October 2003 in which you convey the Security Council's view that the Department of Peacekeeping Operations should administer the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire (MINUCI) as a "Special Political Mission" for budgetary and other purposes.

I have taken careful note of the view of the Security Council on this matter. Since the matter also relates to the administrative and budgetary aspects of a United Nations field operation, I have transmitted it to the attention of the President of the General Assembly. As the Security Council is aware, the Charter under Article 17 (2) assigns to the General Assembly the responsibility to apportion the expenses of the Organization.

I welcome the Security Council's willingness to consider the possible reinforcement of MINUCI, as indicated in your letter, and I understand that the Council has already begun consultations in this regard. I hope that the Council will reach an early agreement on such reinforcement.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**